(c) Government have been making strenuous efforts in the United Nations, the Non-aligned Movement and the Commonwealth to press for effective international action to secure the dismantlement of apartheid and the establishment of a democratic polity in South Africa and the early accession of Namibia to independence. Through its Chairmanship of the Africa Fund Government are also engaged in efforts to mobilise world public opinion against the evil of apartheid.

Complex at Khejarili, Jodhpur

3558. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a big complex at Khejarili village near Jodhpur in memory of 363 Vishnois who had sacrificed their lives in the year 1730 protecting the Khezdi trees;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposal has since been approved by Government in this regard and if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The Department has received an outline of the proposal for setting up of a National Memorial at the village Khejarili, near Jodhpur from the Chief Conservator of Forests Rajasthan. The proposal relates to establishment of Environmental Awareness Centre having a museum, a library an open air auditorium, audio-visual aides, declaration of Vishnois belt (Jodhpur Tehsil) as a biosphere reserves; institution of a fellowship in Jodhpur University for the study of ecology of the region; establishment of Krishna Mrig (Black-Buck) Park at Khejarli. and creation of 'Khejri' grove of trees at Khejarili with a nursery. The propsal is under consideration of the Department.

Appointment of Agents by States for Sending Labourers Abroad

3559. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have not yet appointed Agents for sending labourers to foreign countries even though the Bill in this regard has been passed;

(b) if so, what are the names of such States and what are the reasons for not doing so;

(c) what are the names of the States which have taken steps to appoint Agents;

(d) what are the names of Agents/Agencies in Gujarat through whom the labourers are being sent abroad; and

(e) what are the rules, regulations, guidelines and criteria for the appointments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Under the Emigration Act, 1983 it is not obligatory for the States to appoint Agents for manpower export. However, States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Maharasttra; Orissa; Uttar Pradesh; Punjab and Union Territory of Delhi have set up State Manpower Corporations registered with the Ministry of Labour.

(d) A statement showing list of Recruiting Agencies in Gujarat is enclosed. (*See* below).

(e) The agencies which are financially sound and trustworthy are given registration as per provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983.

Statement

Name and address of the Agency

1. Messrs J. C. Management Consultants,

F.A., 7, Vikram Chamber Ahram Point, Ahmedabad.

2. Messrs Ahmedabad Guide,

7. 2nd Floor, Fariawala Chambers, New Russian Automobiles Mirzapur. Ahmedabad.

Katchatheevu Island

3560. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the condition laid down in the Agreement with Sri Lanka in 1974, Indian fishermen would continue to enjoy their fishing rights around Katchatheevu and use the Island for drying their nets and fish;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Sri Lankan Government are not allowing Indian fishermen to use that Island;

(c) whether the Ramanathapuram District Fishermen's Association has approached the Central Government for the abrogation of the Agreement; and

(d) if so, what is Govenment's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The rights of the Indian fishermen are laid down in article 5 of the 'Agreement between Sri Lanka and India on the Boundary in Historic Waters between the two countries and Related Matters' of 1974 which states that 'subject to the foregoing, Indian fishermen and pilgrims will enjoy access to visit Kachchativu as hitherto and will not be required by the Sri Lanka Government to obtain travel documents or visas for these purposes'.

(b) In the disturbed conditions in the island in the post-1983 period the Sri Lanka Government had on many occasions denied Indian fishermen access to the Island.

(c) Some fishermen's associations have in the past written to Government asking that the Agreement should be re-negociated.

(d) This is an international Agreement concluded after taking into account all aspects of the matter. It is hoped that now that more settled conditions are returning to Sri Lanka, the Agreement will be properly implemented.

3561. [*Transferred to the 28th August*, 1987.]

शीशम की लकड़ी पर नक्काशी हुई वस्तुओं का निर्यात

3562. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि शीशम की लकड़ी पर नक्काशी के काम वाले और ऐसे ही अन्य वस्तुओं का देश से निर्यात किया जाता है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस उद्योग का मुख्य केन्द्र उत्तर प्रदेश में स्थित है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले कुछ वर्षों से इन सभी वस्तुओं का निर्यात निरंतर कम हो रहा है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इस उद्योग में लगे निर्यातकों ने निर्यात में गिरावट होने के कारणों से सरकार को अवगत करा दिया है ; यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?